

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A printing control method, comprising:

a data management operation comprising storing printing data received from a client device, in a storage part in association with management information, and transmitting said management information to said client device when a printing request received from the client device is a printing request of the type involving the transmission and reception of printing data;

referencing said storage part and reading out printing data associated with management information received from said client device when said printing request is of the type involving the transmission and reception of management information associated with the printing data in the data management operation; and

executing printing, using said received printing data or said read-out printing data,

wherein said data management operation selects and deletes printing data, from said storage part, using data selection-deletion priority information associated with said management information which is set by a setting rule stipulating a lower deletion priority for a higher frequency of use and a setting rule stipulating a lower deletion priority for a larger size.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The printing control method according to Claim 1, wherein said data management operation references a rule storage part which stores at least one setting rule for said deletion priority information, and sets said deletion priority information.

4. (previously presented): The printing control method according to Claim 3, further comprising registering setting rules in said rule storage part using input from a user.

5. (currently amended): The printing control method according to Claim 3 or Claim 4, wherein said setting rules are composed additionally using at least one from among the time of storage, and time of use, frequency of use, and data size of the printing data.

6. (currently amended): A printing system, comprising:

a data management part which stores printing data received from a client device in a storage part in association with management information, and which transmits management information to said client device when a printing request received from the client device is a printing request of the type involving the transmission and reception of printing data;

a referencing part which references said storage part and which reads out printing data associated with management information received from said client device when said printing request is of the type involving the transmission and reception of management information associated with the printing data by the data management part; and,

an execution part which executes printing, using said received printing data or said read-out printing data,

~~wherein said data management part selects and deletes printing data, from said storage part, using data selection-deletion priority information associated with said management information which is set by a setting rule stipulating a lower deletion priority for a higher frequency of use and a setting rule stipulating a lower deletion priority for a larger size.~~

7. (currently amended): A printing system, comprising at least one client device and a printing device configured to enable communication with said client device,

wherein said client device can output two types of printing requests, consisting of a first type involving the transmission and reception of printing data and a second type involving the transmission and reception of management information associated with printing data by the printing device,

wherein said printing device, upon receiving the first type of printing request from a client device, stores printing data received from said client device in association with management information in a storage part, transmits said management information to said client device, and executes printing using said printing data, and

wherein said printing device, upon receiving the second type of printing request from a client device, references said storage part, reads out printing data associated with management information received from said client device, and executes printing using said read-out printing data,

~~wherein said printing system is configured to select and delete printing data, from said storage part, using data selection-deletion priority information associated with said management~~

~~information which is set by a setting rule stipulating a lower deletion priority for a higher frequency of use and a setting rule stipulating a lower deletion priority for a larger size.~~